

Northgate Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan DRAFT Parking Task Scope Summary February 1, 2005

Planning Framework

This includes the Seattle Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Strategic Plan, Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan, and Northgate Framework Resolution 30642. These plans share common goals related to parking, such as:

- Promoting maximum efficiency and use of the parking supply
- Acknowledgment of the special characteristics of transit-oriented developments and the people who live and work in them
- Managing parking supply in the core so that surrounding residential neighborhoods are protected from any extreme spillover impacts

Seattle Comprehensive Plan

LG4: "Establish off-street parking requirements for new development to provide parking for the occupants of the structure. Set off-street parking requirements to ease reliance on automobiles, promote economic development, and reduce housing costs."

LU47: "Seek to further this Plan's goal of encouraging the use of public transit, carpools, walking, and bicycles as alternatives to the use of single-occupancy vehicles when setting parking requirements for both single-occupant vehicles and their alternatives. When setting new requirements for off-street parking, balance the goals of accommodating the parking demand generated by new development and avoiding on-street congestion of parked cars with the goals of lowering construction costs and discouraging single-occupant vehicles."

Seattle Transportation Strategic Plan

P1.1: "Review Minimum Parking Requirements for Off-street Parking"

P1.2: "Increase Flexibility to Respond to Specific Local Conditions"

Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan

"Manage parking supply, location and demand to discourage the use of single occupant vehicles, and to improve short-term parking accessibility for retail customers, patients, and visitors, without undermining transit or HOV usage, or detracting from the creation of an attractive pedestrian environment."

"Maintain and protect single family neighborhoods."

Resolution 30642 (Northgate Framework Resolution)

The CTIP shall “facilitate public and private investment in Northgate area transportation projects and services, and identify coordinated transportation investments that best reflect the long-term goals of the Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan, in particular reducing traffic-related impacts on arterials, protecting neighborhood streets, and providing pedestrian improvements and connections including safety improvements for seniors.”

CTIP Parking Objective

The objective of the CTIP parking task is to use Northgate’s larger planning goals as a framework for addressing the anticipated impacts of growth on the neighborhood’s parking supply and demand.

CTIP Scope: Methodology & Results

The CTIP parking task will include consideration of the following:

Inputs & Tasks

- Project data
- City codes
- Case studies including other jurisdictional approaches
- Parking demand and travel choice data
- Parking surveys of selected arterials and sites
- Pipeline projects including high-capacity transit
- Overall City and Northgate growth forecasts
- Public investment

Potential Results

- Baseline parking data for future comparisons
- Baseline parking demand for different land uses at different distances from transit
- Strategies for on- and off-street parking management
- Recommendations for City programmatic and regulatory changes